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SUBJECT: SMOOTH OPERATION AT NARITA CONTINUES

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SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH OCCASIONAL HARASSMENT OF AIRPORT AND AIRLINE-RELATED FACILITIES CONTINUES, NEW NARITA AIRPORT IS OPERATING SMOOTHLY, AND POLICE ARE INCREASINGLY CONFIDENT THAT SECURITY IS ADEQUATE. END SUMMARY.

1. NARITA IS OPERATING SMOOTHLY, OVER 1,200 FLIGHTS AND 150,000 PASSENGERS HAVING PASSED THROUGH AIRPORT TO DATE. U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY OFFICIALS BASED IN TOKYO REPORT THAT AIRLINE COMPANIES AND CREWS CONTINUE TO BE COMPLIMENTARY REGARDING NEW AIRPORT'S AIR-TRAFFIC CONTROL, RUNWAY, AND PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE HANDLING. TIGHT SECURITY, ALTHOUGH CAUSING OCCASIONAL DELAYS TO PASSENGERS, HAS ALSO WON HIGH MARKS.

2. WHILE ANTI-AIRPORT GROUPS HAVE VOWED TO CONTINUE THEIR OPPOSITION THROUGH SUMMER, AND THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL HARASSMENT OF AIRPORT AND AIRLINE-RELATED FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF AIRPORT, NUMBER OF OPPOSITIONISTS IN VICINITY OF AIRPORT IS DOWN TO LESS THAN 300, AND DIRECT ATTACKS ON AIRPORT ITSELF APPEAR INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY. ON JUNE 1, NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY (NPA) DECIDED TO WITHDRAW 4,000 OF 13,000 RIOT POLICE GUARDING AIRPORT AND ALSO BEGAN PERMITTING NON-PASSENGERS TO ENTER AIRPORT COMPLEX.

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3. ON BALANCE, NARITA APPEARS TO BE OPERATING AT LEAST AS WELL AS ANY OTHER NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. WHILE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER OPPOSITION ATTACKS REMAINS, POLICE HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONFIDENT THAT THEIR AIRPORT DEFENSE IS ADEQUATE. OFFICIAL RESIGNATION OF NPA DIRECTOR ASANUMA JUNE 1 SEEN AS FURTHER INDICATION THAT POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE SITUATION WELL IN HAND, INASMUCH AS NPA WOULD NOT RISK APPOINTING NEW CHIEF IF THEY THOUGHT ANOTHER INCIDENT SERIOUS ENOUGH TO NECESSITATE A SECOND RESIGNATION WAS LIKELY TO OCCUR. MANSFIELD

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